

# JOSEPH WILLIAM CUMMINGS AND MARY ANN BUYS CUMMINGS



Joseph William Cummings, born June 6, 1874, in Heber, son of John J. and Sophia Johnson Cummings, married Mary Ann Buys (born January 17, 1875, in Buysville, Wasatch County, Utah, daughter of Edward and Celestia Bromley Buys, who died April 30, 1953) December 1, 1897, in the Salt Lake Temple. Died September 26, 1957.

The couple reared two grandchildren, Joan and Brigham.

Joseph William Cummings, son of John J. and Sophia Johnson Cummings, was born in Heber City, Utah, June 6, 1874. As a boy, Joseph was in the cattle business with his father and loved to ride the range and round up the cattle in the fall. He was known as Joe to all who knew him.

Mary Ann Buys Cummings, daughter of Edward and Celestia Bromley Buys, was born January 17, 1875, in Buysville. This is now known as Daniels, Utah.

On December 1, 1897, Joseph William Cummings married Mary Ann Buys in the Salt Lake Temple. Mary Ann had been his sweetheart many years and they had lived side by side and had grown up together. To this couple nine children were born. Eight of these children are still living. They are Joseph Buys, Wallace, Edward, Nola, Celestia, Sophia, Monroe, John Douglas and Phyllis. They also reared two grandchildren, Joan and Brigham.

In 1903, Joe went into the butchering business. His was one of the early shops in Wasatch County. Later he sold it to Mr. Andrew Voyt. Then he went into the sheep business and was one of the leading sheepmen of Heber Valley.

Joe was a devoted husband and father.

He loved children and outdoor sports, such as fishing and hunting, and his friends knew him as a kind and generous man, husband, and father.

He always took his wife and family with him in the summer time to the sheep herd. There they all enjoyed themselves very much and looked forward to this event every year.

Joe was always with his boys and loved to take them fishing and hunting whenever he went. He was unable to do this the last five years of his life.

Mary Ann was a devoted wife and mother. She was loved by everyone who knew her, because she was kind and generous, always helping others when they were in need. She loved to have people come to her home.

This wonderful lady loved to work in the Church and was very active in Relief Society. She was an excellent cook and housekeeper and was devoted to her children, whom she loved very much.

Mary Ann died April 30, 1953. After her death, Joe was very lonely, because they had always been together.

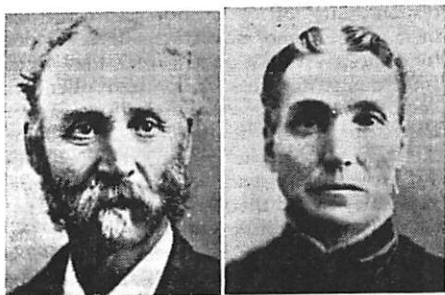
Joe died September 26, 1957. They are both buried in the Heber City Cemetery.

## THOMAS HARMON CUMMINGS AND SUSAN L. ALEXANDER



Thomas H. Cummings, the eighth child of Isaac and Sarah Jones Cummings, was born in Heber, May 19, 1875. He married Susan L. Alexander. She was born February 24, 1880, at Vernal, Utah, and was the fourth child of Henry Miles and Sarah Jane Ross Alexander. To this union was born one son, Thomas Rex Cummings. They made their home where Ralph and Luella Johnson now reside.

## ALVAH JEDATHAN ALEXANDER AND ELIZABETH SOULE ALEXANDER



Acting Bishop of Midway Ward, 1902-1903.

John Alexander came from Sterling, Scotland, in 1640 and settled in Windsor, Connecticut. He had three sons with him, George, John and Thomas.

John Jedathan was a descendant of George who married Susan Sage at Windsor, March 18, 1644. In 1655 they, with others, settled North Hampton, Massachusetts which they purchased from the Indians.

John, son of George and Susan, married Sarah Gaylord November 18, 1671.

Ebenezer, son of John and Sarah, married Mehitable Buch, October 10, 1709. They lived in Northfield, Vermont, where he was a deacon in his church for forty years.

Thomas, son of Ebenezer and Mehitable married Phoebe (maiden name not known) December 11, 1754.

Jabez, son of Thomas and Phoebe, married Louisa Poole, February 13, 1777.

Alvah, son of Jabez and Louisa, married Phoebe Houston, May 9, 1822, at Acurth, New Hampshire.

Alvah Jedathan, son of Alvah and Phoebe, was born September 21, 1831, at Northfield, Vermont. The family joined The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and moved to Nauvoo, Illinois. They were close neighbors to the Prophet Joseph Smith. The children of both families played together.

## 7. BEAUTIFUL UPON THE MOUNTAINS

Alvah was 13 years old when the Prophet was martyred. He went with his father to meet the body of Joseph Smith when it was taken from Carthage.

Alvah came to Utah with his parents in October, 1852, in the Captain Harmon Cutler company.

Elizabeth "Betsy Kincade" Soule Alexander was born February 6, 1834 at Dexter, Maine, daughter of Solomon and Lydia Bessee Soule.

In 1853 her family left for the gold rush in California.

In the fall of 1853 with an independent company of emigrants they arrived in Utah too late to continue their journey. They settled down to spend the winter in East Mill Creek, Salt Lake County, Utah.

Miss Soule found a job with a Mr. Roberts as a glove maker. While in his employment she heard of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and was convinced in her heart that it was true.

During the winter she met Alvah Jedathan Alexander and on March 13, 1854, she became his bride.

Her family left Utah for California in the spring which was a great heart ache for her. She never had the privilege of seeing any of them again except one brother. She was a splendid nurse and went day and night wherever she was needed.

In the year 1870, her family moved to Midway, where she became very active in the organizations of the church.

She has the distinction of being a descendant of George Soule who came to America in the famous "Mayflower" and planted his feet on the Plymouth Rock in 1620.

She died December 17, 1924, at the age of 90.

She and her husband were the parents of 11 children:

Mary Elizabeth Alexander, married James O'Neil

Phebe Alexander, married George Bonner

Alvah Alexander, married Dezzie Bonner

Adelbert Alexander, married Uliola Epperson

Ella Gertrude Alexander, married Robert Bell Ross

Frederic Soule Alexander, died when child

Ada DeAna Alexander, married Thomas Edmundston Bonner

Charles Edwin Alexander, married Lalla Ruth Springer